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SUBJECT : DEATH OF DAVID WALDENVILLE

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1. SENATOR BARTLETT INTERESTED.

2. MRS. LING WALDENVILLE HAS AGREED TO CREMATION
AND SHIPMENT OF ASHES TO UNITED STATES FOR INTERMENT.
IT IS THE EMBASSY'S UNDERSTANDING THAT MR. JAMES WATSO,
A FRIEND OF THE DECEASED AND COMMANDER OF THE LOCAL
CHAPTER OF THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (AN ORGANIZATION
WITH WHOM THE DECEASED WAS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED), SPOKE
BY TELEPHONE (IN THE PRESENCE OF MRS. LING WALDENVILLE)
WITH SEVERAL MEMBERS OF MR. WALDENVILLE'S FAMILY IN
THE U.S. WHEN IT WAS AGREED THAT CREMATION AND SHIPMENT
OF ASHES WOULD BE THE MOST DESIRABLE ARRANGEMENT.
THERE APPEARS TO BE NO DIFFICULTY WITH THAT.

3. IT IS THE EMBASSY'S FURTHER UNDERSTANDING THAT
MR. WATSO EXPLAINED TO THE WALDENVILLE FAMILY THAT
MRS. LING WALDENVILLE'S FINANCIAL SITUATION IS VERY
PRECARIOUS AND THAT APPROXIMATELY FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS
WOULD BE NEEDED FOR COSTS SURROUNDING CREMATION
AND SHIPMENT OF ASHES. (THAT COST WOULD INCLUDE AIR
FREIGHTING OF ASHES; CONOFF BELIEVES, HOWEVER, IN
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CONSULTATION WITH MR. WATSO, THAT ANY MEMBER OF THE
V. F. W. WHO HAS A. P. O. PRIVILEGES CAN CUT DOWN
THE FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR FIGURE SOMEWHAT BY SHIPMENT
OF THE URN CONTAINING THE ASHES VIA A. P. O.)

4. IF WALDENVILLE'S U.S. FAMILY AGREES, FAMILY SHOULD
SEND U.S. DOLS FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO TAIWAN USING

STATE DEPARTMENT FACILITIES OR CABLE TRANSFER OF FUNDS THROUGH AMERICAN EXPRESS OR OTHER BANKING FACILITY. ANY UNUSED FUNDS WOULD BE RETURNED. EMBASSY IS WORKING WITH MRS. WALDENVILLE, THE V.F.W. AND THE AMERICAN LEGION. HOPE TO MAKE THE CREMATION AND SHIPMENT OF ASHES ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN A WEEK OR TEN DAYS (PERHAPS LESS).

5. DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE WHETHER OR NOT FAMILY CAN SEND THE FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS, AND IF SO, TO WHOM AND BY WHAT MEANS. ALSO NEEDED IS THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE URN'S RECIPIENT IN THE UNITED STATES (FUNERAL HOME OR OTHER). FOR FS-192 PURPOSES, PLEASE ADVISE NAME OF CEMETERY WHERE MR. WALDENVILLE'S ASHES WILL BE INTERRED (EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT DECEASED'S FAMILY IN THE UNITED STATES IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR BURIAL IN A U.S. MILITARY CEMETERY NEAR TULSA).
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